

SECTION 23. Section 36.1082, Water Code, is repealed.

SECTION 24. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

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JOBS AND EDUCATION FOR TEXANS GRANT PROGRAM

CHAPTER 416

H.B. No. 3062

AN ACT

relating to the Jobs and Education for Texans Grant Program.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Section 134.001, Education Code, is amended by adding Subdivision (1) to read as follows:

(1) "Commission" means the Texas Workforce Commission.

SECTION 2. Section 134.002(a), Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) The commission [comptroller] shall establish and administer the Jobs and Education for Texans (JET) fund as a dedicated account in the general revenue fund.

SECTION 3. Section 134.003, Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 134.003. ADVISORY BOARD. (a) An advisory board of education and workforce stakeholders is created to assist the commission [comptroller] in administering this chapter.

(b) The advisory board is composed of six [seven] members who serve two-year terms and are appointed as follows:

- (1) one member appointed by the governor;
- (2) one member appointed by the lieutenant governor;
- (3) one member appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives;
- (4) one member appointed by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board;
- (5) one member appointed by the commission [Texas Workforce Commission]; and
- (6) the chair of the commission [one member of the public appointed by the comptroller; and

[7] the comptroller], who serves as the presiding officer.

(c) The advisory board shall meet at least once each quarter, or as needed, to review received applications and recommend awarding grants under this chapter.

SECTION 4. Section 134.004, Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 134.004. JOBS AND EDUCATION FOR TEXANS (JET) GRANT PROGRAM.

(a) The commission [comptroller] shall establish and administer the Jobs and Education for Texans (JET) Grant Program to provide grants to public junior colleges, [and] public technical institutes, and independent school districts described under Section 134.007 that apply to the advisory board in the manner prescribed by the advisory board. The commission [comptroller] shall award the grants on the advice and recommendations of the advisory board.

(b) Grants may be awarded under this chapter from the Jobs and Education for Texans (JET) fund to defray the start-up costs associated with the development of new career and technical education programs at public junior colleges, ~~and~~ public technical institutes, *and independent school districts described under Section 134.007* that meet the requirements of Section 134.006.

SECTION 5. Sections 134.006(a), (c), and (d), Education Code, are amended to read as follows:

(a) The *commission* ~~[comptroller]~~ may award a grant for the development of new career and technical education courses or programs at public junior colleges, ~~and~~ public technical institutes, *and independent school districts*.

(c) In awarding a grant under this section, the *commission* ~~[comptroller]~~ shall primarily consider the potential economic returns to the state from the development of the career and technical education course or program. The *commission* ~~[comptroller]~~ may also consider whether the course or program:

- (1) is part of a new, emerging industry or high-demand occupation;
- (2) offers new or expanded dual credit career and technical educational opportunities in public high schools; or
- (3) is provided in cooperation with other public junior colleges or public technical institutes across existing service areas.

(d) To be eligible to receive a grant under this section, a public junior college, ~~or~~ public technical institute, *or independent school district described under Section 134.007* must provide matching funds in accordance with rules adopted under Section 134.008. The matching funds may be obtained from any source available to the *public* junior college, *public* ~~or~~ technical institute, *or independent school district*, including ~~[in-kind contributions]~~ industry consortia, community or foundation grants, individual contributions, and local governmental agency operating funds.

SECTION 6. Chapter 134, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 134.007 to read as follows:

Sec. 134.007. GRANTS AWARDED TO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT. The commission may award a grant to an independent school district under this chapter if the district has entered into a partnership with a public junior college or public technical institute for the purpose of:

- (1) promoting career and technical education to the district's students; or*
- (2) offering dual credit courses to the district's students.*

SECTION 7. Section 134.008, Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 134.008. RULES. The commission ~~[comptroller]~~ shall adopt rules as necessary for the administration of this chapter.

SECTION 8. (a) Not later than September 1, 2015:

(1) the administration of the Jobs and Education for Texans Grant Program shall be transferred from the comptroller to the Texas Workforce Commission;

(2) all rules, forms, policies, procedures, or decisions of the comptroller that are related to the Jobs and Education for Texans Grant Program are continued in effect as rules, forms, policies, procedures, or decisions of the Texas Workforce Commission until superseded by a rule or other appropriate act of the Texas Workforce Commission;

(3) all money, obligations, memoranda of understanding, leases, rights, and contracts, including grant agreements, of the comptroller related to the Jobs and Education for Texans Grant Program are transferred to the Texas Workforce Commission, and the Texas Workforce Commission assumes, without a change in status, the position of the comptroller in all transferred contracts, including grant agreements, related to the Jobs and Education for Texans Grant Program;

(4) records in the custody of the comptroller related to the Jobs and Education for

Texans Grant Program are transferred to and become the property of the Texas Workforce Commission; and

(5) a reference in law or administrative rule to the comptroller relating to the administration of the Jobs and Education for Texans Grant Program means the Texas Workforce Commission.

(b) Before the transfer of the administration of the Jobs and Education for Texans Grant Program, the comptroller and the Texas Workforce Commission shall coordinate the transfer of powers and duties, including records, appropriations, disbursements, compliance audits, monitoring and enforcement, and other items, to ensure a smooth transition.

SECTION 9. An independent school district may be awarded a grant in accordance with Section 134.007, Education Code, as added by this Act, beginning with the 2016–2017 academic year.

SECTION 10. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

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**AMOUNT THAT MAY BE DONATED BY CONTRACT BY
CERTAIN POPULOUS COUNTIES TO CRIME STOPPERS OR
CRIME PREVENTION ORGANIZATIONS**

CHAPTER 417

H.B. No. 3067

AN ACT

relating to the amount that may be donated by contract by certain populous counties to crime stoppers or crime prevention organizations.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Section 351.901(b), Local Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b) The commissioners court of a county by contract may donate money to one or more crime stoppers or crime prevention organizations for expenditure by the organizations to meet the goals identified in Subsection (a). The total amount of all donations made in a calendar year may not exceed:

(1) \$25,000; or

(2) \$100,000, for a county with a population of one million or more.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

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